

Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Chromium-free leather having a waterproofness, measured as penetration time according to DIN 53338, of at least 30 min characterized in that it has an Fe content of 1 to 6% by weight, based on dry weight, determined after ashing.
2. (Original) Chromium-free leather according to Claim 1, characterized in that the penetration time according to DIN 53338 is at least 2 hours.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Original) Chromium-free leather according to Claim 1, characterized in that it has an Si content of at least 0.2% by weight, based on dry weight, determined as silicate after ashing.
5. (Currently Amended) Chromium-free leather according to Claim 3 1, characterized in that the leather contains a silicone.
6. (Currently Amended) Chromium-free leather according to Claim 1, characterized in that the water vapour permeability, measured according to DIN 53333, is greater than 0.8 mg/cm²h.
- 7-9. (Cancelled)
10. (Currently Amended) Process for the production of chromium-free leather ~~leathers~~ according to Claim 9- 1, characterized in that an iron-tanned leather is optionally retanned and is then treated with a water repellent, which is a silicone.
11. (Original) Process according to Claim 10, characterized in that a pelt to be tanned is subjected, prior to iron tanning, to an acidic pretreatment.

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12. (Cancelled)

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